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FOL IS VERBATIM TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN WASHINGTON:

"FINAL JESS COMMUNIQUE

"ANKARA, MASX23, 1974, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION (CENTO) HELD ITS 21ST SESSION IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 21 AND 22, 1974.

"THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY:"1. H.E, MR. ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS - IRAN

"THE MR. AZIZ AHMED, H. PK H.Q.A., S. PL., MINISTER OF STATE FOR
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DEFENSE AND FOREGIN AFFAIRS PAKISTAN

"THE TURAN GUNES, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS - TURKEY

"4. THE RT. HON, JAMES CALLAGHAN, SEC FOR STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS - UNITED KINGDOM

"5. THE HON HENRY

A. KISSINGER, SEC OF STATE - UNITED STATES

"FOLLOWING A MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE LEADERS OF THE
DELEGATIONS AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO, EXPRESSING THEIR
APPRECIATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND WARM HOSPITALITY OF
THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

"THE HON HENRY A. KISSINGER, SEC OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES
PRESIDED AT THE SESSION.

"THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONDUCTED A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF THE IN-
TERNATIONAL SITUATION, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST
IN THE CENTO AREA. "THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE
THEY ATTACH TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE REGION.

"THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH PLEASURE THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS
PURSUED BY PAKISTAN WITH BANGLADESH AND INDIA, THUS REMOVING SOME OF
THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES FACING THE SUBCONTINENT. THE MINISTERS
AFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTI-
ATIONS PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE SUB-
CONTINENT.

"THE MINISTERS ALSO NOTED PAKISTAN'S STEADY ECONOMIC PROGRESS MADE
DURING THE PAST YEAR, A PROGRESS WHICH WAS ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE
BECAUSE IT WAS ACHIEVED DESPITE WIDESPREAD FLOODS WHICH CAUSED A
DEVASTATING LOSS OF LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD.

"THE MINISTERS NOTED THE IMPRESSIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY IRAN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJES-

TY INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FREE EDUCATIONAL AND ESSENTIAL
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HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL CITIZENS.

"THE MINISTERS CONGRATULATED THE NEW TURKISH PARLIAMENT AND NOTED THE
IMPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVT OF TURKEY TO SPEED ITS INDUSTRI-

AL GROWTH, INCREASE ITS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND IMPROVE ITS COM-
MUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT SYSTEMS.

"THE MINISTERS, REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE CONOMIC COMMITTEE, EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE AT THE CONTINUING PROGRESS IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE REGION. THEY WELCOMED THE DECISION OF THE IRANIAN GOVT TO COMPLETE THE LAST (KERMAN-ZAHEDAN) LINK IN THE RAILWAY LINKING IRAN AND PAKISTAN AND PAKISTAN WITH EUROPE. THEY ALSO NOTED IRAN'S DECISION TO BUILD A ROAD WHICH WILL LINK THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING PORT OF CHARBAHAR WITH PAKISTAN AND ALSO PAKISTAN'S PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE PLANS TO DEVELOP THE MAKHRAN COAST. THE MINISTERS ALSO NOTED THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR STUDIES TO BE MADE OF THE RAILROAD FERRY SYSTEM ACROSS LAKE VAN AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS CONNECTING TURKISH PORTS WITH IRAN.

"THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THIS PROGRESS WOULD CONTINUE. THEY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT THERE BE A MEETING

OF OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST AND EXPRESSED THEIR WISH THAT THIS GROUP STUDY CAREFULLY HOW THE RESOURCES OF THE ORGANIZATION CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF ITS MEMBERS.

"THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PARTNERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

"THE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE CONTINUING EFFORTS, SUPPORTED FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION, TO SUBVERT AND OVERTHROW THE GOVTS OF THE PARTNERS

IN THE ALLIANCE. THEY NOTED THAT THE PAST YEAR HAD SEEN SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THESE SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS

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ARE FARTHER FROM SUCCESS THAN EVER. THEY EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVTS TO CONTINUE THEIR PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR COUNTRIES AGAINST FOREIGN-SUPPORTED SUBVERSION.

"CONTINUING THEIR REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE MINISTERS EXAMINED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY WELCOMED THE STEPS TAKEN THUS FAR, INCLUDING THE INITIATIVES OF SEC OF STATE KISSINGER, TOWARD ACHIEVING A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE IN THE AREA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD PERSIST IN THESE EFFORTS.

THEY AFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 242 OF 22 NOVEMBER 1967.

"THE MINISTERS NOTED THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA AND ITS PRINCIPAL RESOURCE, OIL, TO THE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD. THEY NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OPEN TMK WATERWAYS LEADING FROM THE PERSIAN GULF THROUGH THE INDIAN OCEAN TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. THEY WELCOMED THE STEPS TAKEN TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL. "THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS SEEKING TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS AND DIMPNISH TENSION IN EUROPE. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR HOPE THAT SUCCESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE ALSO HAE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT UPON THE SITUATION IN THE AREA OF CENTO'S CONCERN AND THEY AMREED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF PROGRESS IN DENTENTE.

"CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW, THE MINISTERS NOTED THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRE- TARY GENERAL. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE THAT THE ALLIANCE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE REGION AND THAT IT EXPLORE THE VISTAS, NEWLY OPENED, FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

"THE COUNCIL, NOTING THAT THIS IMG THE LAST MEETING AT WHICH THE CURRENT SECREATRY GENERAL WOULD BE PRESENT EXPRESSED IT APPRECIATION FOR HIS STRONG LEADERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS ADMIRATION FOR HIS IMAGINATION AND RESOURCEFULNESS AND THE WAY HE HAS DIRECTED THE WORK OF THE ALLIANCE. THE MINISTERS INVITED THE GOVT OF TURKEY
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TO PROVIDE A CNADIDATE TO BE THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL.

"THE MINISTERS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVT OF TO HOST THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY, 1975 IN" MACOMBER
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